



THE POISON PAWN GRAND PRIX

Report: 4th April

Welcome to the 2016 Grand Prix. We are very pleased to announce that this year's sponsor is Poison Pawn Ltd. Tournament organisers please note - the logo above must appear on your entry forms. You can download the rules (and the logo) from the web page www.newzealandchess.co.nz/grandprix.html, where you will find current standings and a link to the spreadsheet with full details of points awarded. Check out the Results and Calendar pages too!

Results since the last report:

February 27th 2016 - Bay of Plenty Rapid, Mt. Maunganui.

1st (with 6/6) IM Russell Dive
2nd= CM Alphaeus Ang & FM Ben Hague
Best Mount Maunganui Player: FM Bob Smith
under-2100: CM Daniel Gong & Allen Fan
Under-1800: Prashant Mistry

B-Grade:

1st Asheesh Gautam
2nd Simon Lyall
3rd= WFM Viv Smith & Colin Albert
under-1500: Thomas Gothorp & Mathew Steadman
under-1200: Milton Severinsen

Junior:

1st (with 6/6) Kimberley Yuan
2nd Emily Massey
3rd Tamahau Brown
Age group 1: Rebekah Massey & Simon Wagstaff
Age group 2: William Massey

March 19th 2016 - Howick-Pakuranga Annual Latvian Rapidplay, Auckland.

1st= IM Paul Garbett & Evan Capel (Malaysia)
3rd FM Ben Hague
4th FM Alexei Kulashko
Grade 1: CM Daniel Gong, Prashant Mistry & Benjamin Lim
Grade 2: Martin Post & Richard Dare

B-Grade:

1st= Caroline Yan & Kate Song
3rd Philip Mukkattu
4th= and Grade prizes: Don Eade, WCM Jasmine Zhang, Richard Meng, Nicole Qin, & Vyanla Punsalan

C-Grade:

1st Oliver Picken

2nd Temu Maroroa

3rd Stephen Peak

Grade prizes: Alex Laughland & James Welsh

D-Grade:

1st Henry Parker

2nd Scott Craig

3rd= and Grade prizes: Selwyn Lin, Ronnie Chen, Allen Li, Xinton Weng, Ying Wang

March 25th-27th 2016 - Wellington Open, Wellington.

1st FM Scott Wastney

2nd= IM Russell Dive, Gino Thornton, FM Nic Croad

B-Grade:

1st Leighton Nicholls

2nd= Yogesh Kulkarni, Kate Song

C-Grade:

1st= Sravan Renjith, Fabian Day, Josh Wight

Current scores in the Grand Prix:

Open - Ben Hague 51, Bob Smith 42.9, Paul Garbett 39, Mike Steadman 38.45, Alexei Kulashko 37.5, Russell Dive 37.4, Scott Wastney 31.2, Daniel Gong 19.95, Helen Milligan 18.7, Stephen Lukey 17.5.

Under 2100 - Helen Milligan 62.9, Allen Fan 52, Vinod Kumar 46.5, Ross Jackson 39.1, Paul Macdonald 33.5, Antonio Krstev 29.5, Fuatai Fuatai, Benjamin Lim & Prashant Mistry 22.5, David Weegenaar 16.9.

Under 1800 - Kate Song 68.75, Jasmine Zhang 45, Caroline Yan 40.5, Asheesh Gautam 40, Vyanla Punsalan 37.25, Philip Mukkattu 29, Joy Qin 18, Renjith Sravan 14.71, Nadia Braganza, William Crombie, Sandeep George, Andrew Michael & John Pakenham 14.

Under 1500 - Vyanla Punsalan 56, Nicole Qin 40, Rodney Li 38.5, Mathew Steadman 36.14, Nadia Braganza 31.5, Paraone Luiten-Apirana 29.5, Gary Judkins 28.14, Sravan Renjith 28, Temu Maroroa 25, Eva Lourenco 20.

Junior - Allen Fan 78.5, Alphaeus Ang 72.07, Daniel Gong 64.5, Hans Gao 50.5, Kate Song 47.57, Vyanla Punsalan 34.95, Oliver Picken 34.8, Layla Timergazi & Leo Zhu 25.5, Aaron Wang 24.53.

Under 12 & Under 1200 - Nadia Braganza 59, Sravan Renjith 42, Selwyn Lin 34, Alex Fu 24.67, Aiden Tyler Zhao 24, Kimberley Yuan 22.25, Harry Brenton-Rule, Allen Li & Xinton Weng 20, Toby Zhang 18.5.

Female - Helen Milligan 107.5, Kate Song 61.4, Vyanla Punsalan 57.6, Jasmine Zhang 52.5, Layla Timergazi 42.9, Hananke Calitz 37.9, Nicole Qin 36, Viv Smith 32, Nadia Braganza 29.4, Ying Wang & Caroline Yan 27.

Senior - Mike Steadman 70.5, Bob Smith 68.84, Russell Dive 55.67, Paul Garbett 46.67, Vivian Smith 38.13, Helen Milligan 32.15, Don Eade 27.7, Hilton Jacobs 27, Martin Post 26, Philip Mukkattu 24.2.

Veteran - Nigel Cooper 61, Vivian Smith 52, Bernard Carpinter 40, Gary Judkins 34.5, Wayne Power 33.5, John McRae 21.6, John Pakenham & Richard Taylor 20, Tony Booth 19.5, Paul Postma & Don Stracy 15.

“A mind is like a parachute. It doesn’t work if it is not open” – Frank Zappa

Forthcoming Events in this year's Grand Prix:

Please check the website for more up-to-date information, and entry forms to download.

April 23rd-25th 2016 - New Zealand Seniors Championship, Mount Maunganui.

Venue: The Hillier Centre, 31 Gloucester Rd, Mt Maunganui. A six round swiss tournament open to anyone reaching the age of 50 or over in 2016 (i.e. born in 1966 or earlier). **Time control:** 90 minutes each plus 30 seconds per move from move one. The event will be NZCF and FIDE rated. **Entry fee:** \$60 before April 20, 2016. \$70 thereafter. **Minimum total prize-fund:** \$1100. 1st \$400, the trophy and the title of 2016 NZ Seniors Chess Champion; 2nd \$250; 3rd \$150; 4th \$100; Top veteran (65 or over in 2016) \$100, the trophy and the title of 2016 New Zealand Veterans Champion. Plus two \$50 grade prizes. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** class 1 event. **Playing schedule:** Saturday 23rd April - players' meeting 9am, Round 1 9.30am, Round 2 2pm; Sunday 24th April - Round 3 9.30am, Round 4 2pm; Monday April 25th - Round 5 9.30am, Round 6 2pm. Prize-giving as soon as possible after the final round. **Enquiries:** International Organiser Bob Smith caissa@vodafone.co.nz, cell 027 4786282.

April 23rd-25th 2016 - ACC ANZAC Weekender, Auckland.

Organised by the Auckland Chess Centre. **Venue:** Auckland Chess Centre, 17 Cromwell, St, Mount Eden, Auckland. An Open tournament, a 6-round Swiss system with a **Standard time control of all moves in 90 minutes with an increment of 30 seconds** per move from move one. (The event will be NZCF Standard rated and FIDE rated where possible). Non-NZL players must have FIDE ID issued by their chess federation. **Entry fee:** \$50. No entries accepted after 9am 23rd April. No half-point byes available. Only first 50 fully paid entries accepted due to space constraints. **Prizefund:** 1st \$300, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$100, 4th \$75. Plus Grade Prizes to the value of \$725. (No player may claim more than one prize. In the event of a tie, prize money will be shared. Players eligible for open or grade prize would receive the highest monetary value prize.) **Round times:** Saturday 23rd April, players' meeting 9:00, rd 1 9:30; rd 2 14:30; Sunday 24th April, rd 3 9:30, rd 4 14:30; Monday 25th April, rd 5 9:30, rd 6 14:30. Prizegiving when games have finished. **Details** from Mike Steadman, steadmanm@hotmail.com. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** class 1 event.

June 4th-6th 2016 - 39th Trusts Chess Open, Auckland.

Venue: Te Pai Centre, Cnr Lincoln Rd and Te Pai Place, Henderson, Auckland. **Organised by** Waitakere Chess Club. **Time control:** 90 minutes plus 30 seconds a move from move 1. Four separate swiss tournaments - A (1800+), B (1500 to 1999), C (under 1500), Junior (under 12 and under 1200). This event will be a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** superclass event. More details to come. **Enquiries:** International Organiser Bob Smith caissa@vodafone.co.nz ph 0274786282.

June 25th 2016 - Upper Hutt Open "25 + 5" Tournament, Upper Hutt.

Organised by Upper Hutt CC. Details will follow.

July 19th-23rd 2016 - South Island Championship.

Organised by Canterbury Chess Club. Venue: Newbery Lodge, Opawa. Nine-round

swiss-system event with a **time control** of 90 minutes for the game plus an increment of 30 seconds per move from move 1. **Entry fee:** \$110. **Prize fund:** guaranteed \$2000 in cash, books and wine prizes. This event will be a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** class 1 event. **Sponsored** by Southern Trust, Dancing Water Wines and Benson Insurance Brokers.

July 24th 2016 - South Island Rapid Championship.

Organised by Canterbury Chess Club. Venue: Newbery Lodge, Opawa. Six-round swiss-system event with a **time control** of 25 minutes for the game plus an increment of 5 seconds per move from move 1. **Entry fee:** \$50. **Prize fund:** guaranteed \$1000 in cash, books and wine prizes. This event will be a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** class 2 event. **Sponsored** by Southern Trust, Dancing Water Wines and Benson Insurance Brokers.

August 20th-21st 2016 - North Shore Open, Auckland.

Details will follow.

September 26th 2016 - NZ Junior Rapid, Palmerston North.

Venue: Palmerston North Boys' High School, 263 Featherston St, Palmerston North. Six-round swiss-system event with a **time control** of 25 minutes for the game plus an increment of 5 seconds per move from move 1. **Entry fee:** \$40. **Contact:** Mark Noble, email xn7223@paradise.net.nz. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** class 2 event.

September 27th-30th 2016 - NZ Junior Championships, Palmerston North.

Venue: Palmerston North Boys' High School, 263 Featherston St, Palmerston North. Seven-round swiss-system event with a **time control** of 90 minutes for the game plus an increment of 30 seconds per move from move 1. **Entry fee:** \$40. **Contact:** Mark Noble, email xn7223@paradise.net.nz. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** class 1 event.

October 1st 2016 - Feilding Rapid, Palmerston North.

Venue: Palmerston North Boys' High School, 263 Featherston St, Palmerston North. Six-round swiss-system event with a **time control** of 25 minutes for the game plus an increment of 5 seconds per move from move 1. **Entry fee:** \$40. **Contact:** Mark Noble, email xn7223@paradise.net.nz. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** class 3 event.

October 2nd 2016 - North Island Rapid, Palmerston North.

Venue: Palmerston North Boys' High School, 263 Featherston St, Palmerston North. Six-round swiss-system event with a **time control** of 25 minutes for the game plus an increment of 5 seconds per move from move 1. **Entry fee:** \$60. **Contact:** Mark Noble, email xn7223@paradise.net.nz. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** class 2 event.

October 3rd-7th 2016 - North Island Championship, Palmerston North.

Venue: Palmerston North Boys' High School, 263 Featherston St, Palmerston North. Nine-round swiss-system event with a **time control** of 90 minutes for the game plus an increment of 30 seconds per move from move 1. **Entry fee:** \$80. **Contact:** Mark

Noble, email xn7223@paradise.net.nz. This event is a **Poison Pawn Grand Prix** class 1 event.

January 1st-11th, 2017 - 124th New Zealand Chess Congress, Wellington.

Organised by the Wellington Chess Club. To be staged at The CQ Hotels, 213-223 Cuba St, Wellington, as a 9-round Swiss-system over 9 days (1st-9th January), plus the NZ Rapidplay and NZ Blitz Championship over two days (10th-11th January). PLEASE NOTE THIS IS AN OPEN EVENT, and overseas players are welcome to participate. E-mail Ross Jackson, Wellington Chess Club President, on lrjackson@xtra.co.nz – further details to follow.

Announcements:

Olympiad teams

The New Zealand Chess Federation is pleased to announce the following teams in board order for the 2016 Chess Olympiad in Baku, Azerbaijan (note that the change of dates meant we lost Joy Qin from the Women's team, due to university commitments; she was replaced by first reserve Eva Lourenco):

Open Team

1. FM Alexei Kulashko
2. FM Scott Wastney
3. FM Luke Li
4. IM Russell Dive
5. FM Ben Hague

Women's Team

1. CM Helen Milligan
2. WCM Jasmine Zhang
3. Kate Song
4. Nadia Braganza
5. Eva Lourenco

The quality of the applicants for the 2016 Olympiad has been very high with a number of new faces which is exciting for NZ chess. NZCF is pleased to be able to enter strong teams in both events. To those selected best wishes with your chess preparation and travel organisation, particularly those taking part in their first Olympiad.

Registering an event for FIDE rating

Tournament organisers should be aware of FIDE's requirements for registering an event for FIDE rating.

The following information is essential and should be provided to NZCF well in advance of the event:

- a) The event name and location;
- b) The start and finish dates (which cannot span more than 90 days);
- c) The number of rounds;
- d) The number of days that have more than one game per day;
- e) The format - round robin or swiss;

- f) The expected number of players;
- g) The time control - standard / rapid / blitz, plus an English description of time for moves and any increments;
- h) The arbiter(s) (who must be licensed with FIDE);
- i) The organiser;
- j) The pairing software being used (in NZ this should be Vega);
- k) The tiebreak system (NZ usually uses 1. Direct Encounter. 2. Cumulative (Sum of Progressive Scores). 3. Total Buchholz. 4. Sonneborn-Berger. 5. Buchholz Cut1);
- l) Any age restrictions - junior/senior;
- m) Any sex/gender restrictions;
- n) The email of someone who can be contacted if required.

If you are running an event (for example, a club championship) that spans more than one month (ie more than one FIDE rating period) then please get in touch with NZCF to discuss the procedure for submitting results for grading.

Collection of registration fees

I would like to remind all tournament organisers that it is your responsibility to check the online list of registered players and collect the \$20 NZCF registration fee from all eligible unregistered players. You **will** be invoiced for these fees. Foreign players and visitors to New Zealand are exempt, as are players in events for juniors only.

Use of Vega pairing software

The use of Vega for all NZ events is not compulsory but it is very much encouraged; it is the only software we have that is licensed for FIDE-rated events. Furthermore, the presentation of results (as you can see from the website) is excellent. We are planning to write an NZCF-specific manual – your input is welcome!

Note that it is very important that the NZCF .csv rating files are used for player input – this ensures that the FIDE rating report can be filed automatically without hitches (caused by, for example, player names not matching). It is easy to use the .csv on one of the database tabs. A second tab can be used to input FIDE ratings from the .txt file you can download from the FIDE site; note that Vega's defaults allow you to use this without any hassle at all (but make sure you've read the manual when updating the FIDE ratings and don't make the mistake of over-writing the NZCF data...). With regard to printing out the individual pairing slips, etc, we have noticed that Vega doesn't have an option to recognise various printers. Use your Windows (or Linux) system to make sure the printer in use is designated as the default printer, and then Vega will use it without problems. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask!